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SUBJ: SUPREME COURT DECISION ISSUED ON CLASSIFICATION
OF PARTIES AND COALITIONS

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1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, GREEK SUPREME COURT (AREOS PAGOS) YESTERDAY ISSUED ITS DECISION REGARDING CLASSIFICATION OF POLITICAL GROUPINGS CONTESTING IN NOVEMBER 17 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. FOLLOWING MAJOR GROUPINGS ARE CLASSIFIED AS SINGLE PARTIES: (A) NEW DEMOCRACY, (B) CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES, (C) PAN-HELLENIC SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (PAPANDREOU PARTY) AND (D) NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION (GAROUFALIAS).

2. UNITED LEFT WAS CLASSIFIED AS THREE-PARTY COALITION (EDA, COMMUNIST PARTY/INTERIOR AND COMMUNIST PARTY/EXTERIOR) - THUS REQUIRING THIRTY PERCENT OF NATIONAL VOTE TOTAL IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN SECOND DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS. SUPREME COURT ALSO DECIDED THAT TWO RELATIVELY MINOR POLITICAL GROUPINGS SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED AS TWO PARTY COALITIONS REQUIRING TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT FOR SECOND DISTRIBUTION:
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(A) THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC UNION (DIAMANDOPOULOS PARTY)

AND (B) THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF GREECE (VENETATOS PARTY).
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